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PROGRESS REPORT  
OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT  
SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
ASPIRA, INC. OF NEW JERSEY  
MARCH 15, 1993

I. Meeting with City of Newark, Division of Budget

On February 16, 1993 Fernando Fuentes, Roberto Del Rios and Angela Corbo met with staff of the Division of Budget in reference to our proposal submission for community development block grant monies. ASPIRA staff were asked to describe our programs and how the CDBG money will be used.

II. Proposals

During the month of February, 1993 the Office of Development submitted the following proposals:

- a. Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs  
Essex Block Grant Application for 93-94  
Amount Requested: \$5,295  
Project Title: ASPIRA Latin Roots Dance Troupe
- b. United Way of Passaic Valley  
1994 Target Care Funding Application  
Amount Requested: \$15,000  
Project Title: Dropout Prevention/Leadership Development

III. Contributions

We received the following contributions during the month of February:

- a. PSE&G - \$6,500
- b. Matsushita Electric Corp. - \$1,000

IV. Meetings

The Executive Director and the Director of Development attended the below-listed meetings:

- a. Exxon Education Fund  
Florham Park, NJ
- b. Amelior Foundation  
Newark, NJ
- c. Goya Foods Inc.  
Secaucus, NJ
- d. State Senator and City Councilman Ron Rice  
Newark, NJ
- e. E.T.S.  
Princeton, NJ

V. ASPIRA Director's Meeting

A meeting is scheduled with the Executive Directors of ASPIRA of Pennsylvania, ASPIRA of New York and ASPIRA of Connecticut on March 26, 1993. We will be hosting this

possibility of joint proposals, conferences, student activities and other events.

VI. Annual Luncheon

Attached to this report are copies of newspaper articles on our annual luncheon:

- a. The Star Ledger, Thursday, March 4, 1993
- b. Noticias del Mundo, Tuesday, March 2, 1993
- c. El Diario, Wednesday, March 3, 1993
- d. The Star Ledger, Monday, March 8, 1993


During the luncheon Diana Montes spoke with the Director of Development regarding her husband, Dr. Juan Riestra, a former Aspirante. She said he would like to become involved with ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey. Currently, he is on the psychiatric staff of St. Vincent's Hospital in New York, however, he lives in Jersey City.

VII. Letters of Congratulations:

On behalf of the Board of Directors the following letters of congratulations were sent:

- a. Rosa Rodriguez-Ramirez on her appointment to head the New York State Office of Hispanic Affairs.
- b. Dennis Rivera on his election as chairperson of the National Rainbow Coalition.
- c. Shirley Rodriguez-Remeneski on her appointment to direct the Puerto Rican/Latino Business Development Center of New York State.
- d. Nestor Guzman on his appointment to the bench of the Superior Court of Passaic County.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Angela Corbo  
Director of Development